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L1630200005-ST (LA)
SAUGET SITES (Area II)
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Mr. William C. Child, Manager
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Re: L1630200005
St. Clair County
Sauget Sites Area II

Dear Mr. Child:

I am in receipt of your letter of January 5, 1990, and thank you for your prompt response. Upon review of this letter, as well as your earlier letter of December 15, 1989, I am convinced that I have been named as a "PRP" by mistake, and ask that you remove me from your investigation. My reasons follow:

1. At the outset, I wish to make clear that I will cooperate with your investigation to the extent that I can. At the same time, I am not sure how much help I can be. As you may already know, I am 72 years of age, retired, and living on a fixed income in Effingham, Illinois. I have been retired since 1982 when Sterling Steel Casting Co. was sold to the present owners, St. Louis Steel Casting Inc. who operate it through their subsidiary, Sterling Steel Foundry, Inc. For simplicity, I will refer to them as St. Louis Steel. Their mailing address is 100 Mott St., St. Louis, Missouri 63111. All documents concerning the day-to-day operations of the plant which are still in existence were given to the new owners and are at the plant. The plant, of course, is owned by St. Louis Steel, and I have no right of access.

2. I believe that Sterling Steel has been mistakenly included because the former Sterling Steel plant is not in Area II. Therefore, any investigation of Area II should not include Sterling Steel or me. At my own expense, I asked Mr. Richard E.

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Weinel, a professional engineer and land surveyor to determine whether the old Sterling plant was in Area II. Mr. Weinell determined that the Sterling plant was not in Area II, and at my request, prepared a letter to you to that effect which is enclosed.

3. Your recent correspondence also indicates your concern for what you call a "settling" lagoon" at the Sterling Steel plant. I am not sure what you mean by that term, but if you intend to reference some type of settlement pond which empties into the sewer system, there is none. The only discharge to the sewer system by Sterling Steel was through the showers, toilets, and miscellaneous personnel sinks. Although there was a small collection pond for storm water run-off, that collection pond was not connected to the sewer system, and the rain water which was collected simply evaporated or soaked into the ground. I have also enclosed a further letter from Mr. Weinell verifying this fact.

4. Apparently, you have satisfied yourself that St. Louis Steel Casting Inc., the present operators of the old Sterling Steel plant, are not "PRPs." If St. Louis Steel is not a "PRP," neither Sterling Steel nor I should be considered a "PRP." My son was a supervisor for St. Louis Steel at the old Sterling Steel plant until just last year, and the facility has been operated simply as a steel casting plant as it was when owned by Sterling Steel.

5. Regarding your eight categories of documents listed in your December 13, 1989 letter, I have none, because:

a. the Sterling Steel plant is not in Area II therefore, neither Sterling Steel nor I have any documents relating to hazardous waste for Area II;

b. Sterling Steel did not discharge any hazardous waste;

c. All remaining Sterling Steel documents can be found at the old Sterling Steel plant and are in possession of the new owners, St. Louis Steel Casting Inc.; and

d. You had apparently already had access to all of Sterling Steel's documents according to a letter I received

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from the lawyer for St. Louis Steel dated September 11, 1989 which is also enclosed.


6. Although I was president of Sterling Steel Casting Co. during its final years, I have never intentionally, knowingly, or otherwise to my knowledge authorized the discharge of any hazardous waste. I do not believe that my activities and responsibilities as president and on behalf of Sterling Steel should be the basis for holding me personally liable.

I have contacted my insurance agent to determine if there might be insurance to defend me and to handle this matter, but I have not heard whether there is or is not. Sterling Steel had insurance policies placed with Zurich-American and Firemen's Fund.

Finally, as a retired person on a fixed income, I cannot afford to pay a pack of high-priced lawyers and engineers to get involved in the type of investigation you are conducting. My life savings would not make it past the remedial investigation and feasibility study, much less a full-scale clean-up of what is no doubt Monsanto's pollution. I suggest you contact Liberty Mutual Insurance Company to find out how many times Monsanto paid to have my car repainted, as well as the cars of other employees of Sterling Steel, due to Monsanto's emissions.

I hope that I have answered all of your questions. If you have further questions, I will be happy to assist you to the extent that I can. But, respectfully, I ask that you remove my name from the list of "PRPs."

Yours truly,



William C. Child

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- Encs. (1) Richard E. Weinert & Associates letter 1/16/90
on Area II
- (2) Richard E. Weinert & Associates letter 1/16/90
on lagoon
- (3) Peper, Martin letter 9/11/89

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January 10th, 1990

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Re: L1630200005 - St. Clair County
Sauget Sites (Area II) - Sauget
Superfund/Compliance
William J. Shive, Sterling Casting Company

Dear Mr. Child:

At the request of William J. Shive I have reviewed the descriptions of the land known as the Sterling Casting Company at 2300 Falling Springs Road in Sauget, Illinois. Exhibit "A" hereto attached is a copy of the description for the land as recorded in the Recorder's Office of St. Clair County, Illinois, in Book 2630 on page 928.

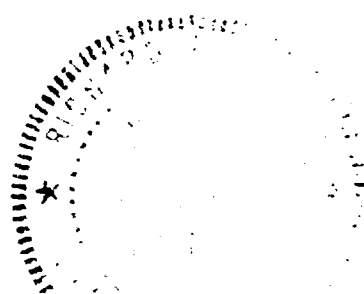
Review of the said descriptions shows that Parcels 1, 2, 3 and 4 as described are not within the "Area 2" as set forth in Figure 2-3 Site Groupings for the DCP of the EPA report page 2-4. Attached is a copy of a plat of same showing the Sterling Casting Company, outlined in yellow.

Sincerely,

Richard E. Weinel

Richard E. Weinel
I.L.E. #1308

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PARCEL 1:

Part of Lots No. 120 and 125 of the "COMMONFIELDS OF CAHOKIA"; reference being had to the plat thereof recorded in the Recorder's Office of St. Clair County, Illinois, in Book of Plats "E" on pages 16 and 17, and more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a stone monument at the intersection of the West Right of Way line of the East St. Louis, Columbia and Waterloo Railway and the Southwesterly line of Lot No. 120 of the Commonfields of Cahokia; thence with the Southwesterly line of said Lot No. 120 North 47 degrees 52 minutes West 572.02 feet to a stone monument; thence North 62 degrees 31 minutes West, 592.81 feet to the East line of the lower Cahokia Road; thence North 77 degrees 37 minutes East 325.53 feet to a point, which is 25 feet South of the center line of the main track of the Alton & Southern Railroad; thence with a curve to the right having a radius of 540.19 feet a distance of 849.79 feet, more or less, to a point in the West Right-of-Way line of the East St. Louis, Columbia and Waterloo Railway; thence with said Right-of-Way line around a curve to the left making an interior tangential angle with the last described curve of 157 degrees 31 minutes and having a radius of 1960.1 feet a distance of 106.3 feet, more or less, to a point; thence still with said West Right-of-Way line with a line which is tangent to the last described curve South 7 degrees 8 minutes West, 246.37 feet to the point of beginning; also

PARCEL 2:

Part of Lots No. 120 and 121 of the "COMMONFIELDS OF CAHOKIA"; reference being had to the plat thereof recorded in the Recorder's Office of St. Clair County, Illinois, in Book of Plats "E" on pages 16 and 17, and more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at the point of intersection of the Westerly Right of Way line of the East St. Louis, Columbia and Waterloo Railway with a line which is 50 feet Northeasterly from and measured at right angles to the Northeasterly line of the Sterling Steel Company property, said intersection point being 456.44 feet from the Southwesterly line of Lot No. 120 of the Commonfields of Cahokia, as measured along the Westerly Right of Way line of the East St. Louis, Columbia and Waterloo Railway; thence in a Northwesterly direction with a curve to the left of 590.19 feet radius, which is at every point 50 feet Northeasterly from and parallel to the Northeasterly line of the Sterling Steel Company property, a distance of 537.82 feet to a point situated 50 feet South of, measured at right angles to the center line of the track of the Alton and Southern Railroad; thence in a Northeasterly direction with a line which is at every point 50 feet Southeasterly from, measured at right angles to the center line of the track of the Alton and Southern Railroad, a distance of 578.96 feet to the Westerly Right-of-Way line of the East St. Louis, Columbia and Waterloo Railway; thence in a Southerly direction with the Westerly Right-of-Way line of the East St. Louis, Columbia and Waterloo Railway around a curve to the left of 1960.1 feet radius, a distance of 514.63 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning; also

PARCEL 3:

Lot No. 125-H of the "SUBDIVISION OF PART OF LOT 125 OF COMMONFIELDS OF CAHOKIA"; reference being had to the plat thereof recorded in the Recorder's Office of St. Clair County, Illinois, in Book of Plats "u" on page 37.

Excepting, however, that part thereof conveyed to Village of Monsanto, County of St. Clair, State of Illinois, by Deed dated August 6th, 1931 and recorded September 28th, 1931, in Book 792 on page 13, for public road purposes; also

PARCEL 4:

All that part of a 50 foot former Right-of-Way lying between Parcels 1 and 2 and lying Southeasterly of the Alton and Southern Railroad and Northwesterly of the East St. Louis,

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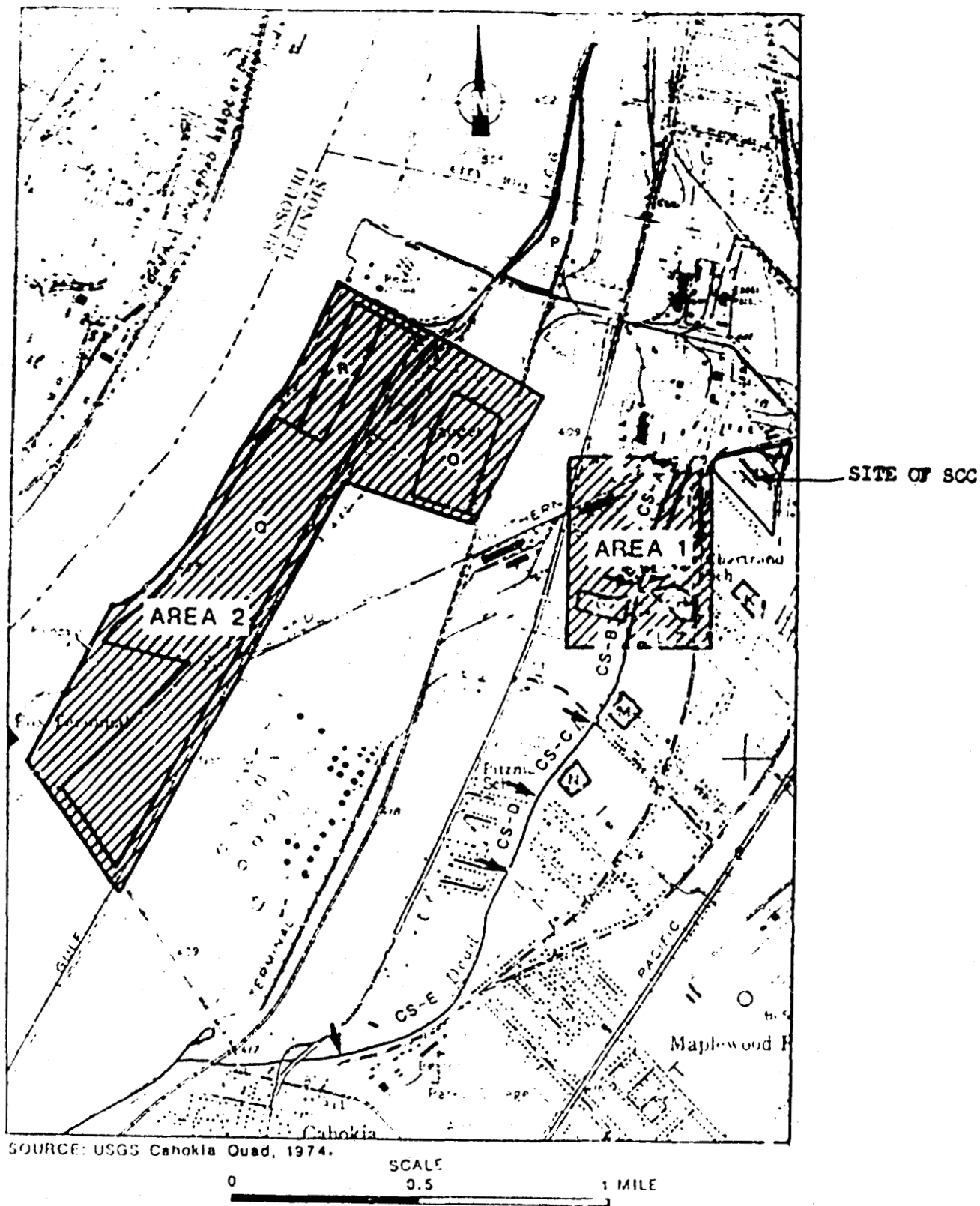


FIGURE 2-3 SITE GROUPINGS FOR THE DCP UNDER THE REVISED SCOPE OF WORK

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Re: 115302/10066 - St. Clair County
Sauget Sites (Area II) - Sauget
Superfund/Compliance
William J. Shive, Sterling Casting Company

Dear Mr. Child:

At the request of William J. Shive, I have made a visual inspection of the site known as the Sterling Casting Company situated at 2300 Falling Springs Road in Sauget, Illinois. I find that a storm water retention pond is located on the southeasterly side of the said property. It appears that said retention pond is only for the storing of storm water runoff and has no outlet from same. The water dissipates by means of evaporation or absorption.

Sincerely,

Richard E. Weinell

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September 11, 1989

BY CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

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Re: Sterling Steel Casting Company

Dear Mr. Shive:

This will confirm our telephone conversation today. You advised me that Sterling Steel Casting Company had dissolved as a corporation. You also advised me that you were the former President and a former director of the corporation. I advised you that the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency had requested an opportunity to review certain documents that Sterling Steel Casting Company had left on the foundry's premises after the asset purchase and sale in 1982. You responded that anything left on the premises did not belong to Sterling Steel Casting Company and that you did not care whether the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency looked at the documents. Accordingly, I will contact the Illinois EPA to make arrangements to review the documents.

Mr. Shive, please contact me at once if this letter does not accurately reflect our telephone conversation. Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,

Alphonse McMahon

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cc: Earl J. Bewig
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